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The Honorable Richard B. Russell
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I refer to my letter of 12 January 1967, your reply of 20 January, and to our conversation of 17 November concerning proposed legislation to amend the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement Act. H. R. 16306, which was passed by the House of Representatives on 3 October 1966, contained a number of provisions relating to the administration of the Agency and its programs. In my letter of 12 January 1967 I advised you that we were then processing an identical legislative proposal for transmittal to the 90th Congress.

In order to simplify the proposed legislation, I now believe that it should be limited to those provisions related to the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement System. Accordingly, on 26 October 1967 Mr. Philbin introduced H. R. 13705. I enclose a summary explanation of the purposes of this bill. None of the benefits sets a precedent, similar benefits having been provided for employees in other Government retirement systems. The Civil Service Commission has reviewed the bill and has no objection to it.

As you know, I am very proud of the dedication and loyalty of our employees and earnestly hope that legislation ensuring benefits equivalent to those provided in other retirement systems can be enacted as soon as possible. I hope the Congress will consider this legislation during the current session and would deeply appreciate your assistance.

Respectfully,

/s/

Richard Helms
Director

Enclosure